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## HOUSE BILL No. 1398

DIGEST OF HB 1398 (Updated February 24, 1999 10:29 am - DI 96)

**Citations Affected:** Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Northwest Indiana transportation. Changes the northwest Indiana commuter rail and transportation study commission into the northwest Indiana transportation study commission (commission). Extends the commission through 2001. Directs the commission to study, among other issues, all aspects of transportation development in Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, and Elkhart counties. Provides for the appointment of a vice chairperson.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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January 12, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
February 24, 1999, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning utilities and transportation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. P.L.241-1997, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ  
2 AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: SECTION 1. (a) As used  
3 in this SECTION, "member" refers to a person appointed under  
4 subsection (c)(3) or (c)(4) or to a legislator whose district includes all  
5 or part of Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, St. Joseph  
6 County, or Elkhart County.

7 (b) The northwest Indiana ~~commuter rail~~ and transportation study  
8 commission is established.

9 (c) The commission consists of fourteen (14) voting members  
10 appointed as follows:

11 (1) Six (6) members of the senate, not more than three (3) of  
12 whom may be members of the same political party, appointed by  
13 the president pro tempore of the senate.

14 (2) Six (6) members of the house of representatives, not more  
15 than three (3) of whom may be members of the same political  
16 party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

17 (3) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the  
18 Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

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(4) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the Michiana Area Council of Governments.

(d) The president pro tempore of the senate shall select one (1) member of the commission to serve as the chairperson, **and one (1) member of the commission to serve as the vice chairperson.**

(e) The commission shall study the following issues:

(1) The feasibility of establishing improvements to commuter transportation and rail service in the Westlake County-Chicago and Valparaiso-Chicago corridors.

(2) All aspects of regional mass transportation and road and highway needs in Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, St. Joseph County, and Elkhart County.

**(3) All aspects of transportation development in Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, St. Joseph County, and Elkhart County.**

~~(3)~~ (4) The commission may study other topics as assigned by the legislative council.

(f) The commission shall submit a final report of the commission's findings and recommendations to the legislative council before November 1, ~~1999~~: **2001**.

(g) Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals serving as legislative or lay members on interim study committees established by the legislative council.

(h) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the commission.

(i) This SECTION expires November 2, ~~1999~~: **2001**.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1398, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 7, strike "commuter rail and".

Page 2, between lines 12 and 13, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(3) All aspects of transportation development in Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, St. Joseph County, and Elkhart County."**

Page 2, line 13, strike "(3)" and insert "(4)".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1398 as introduced.)

COOK, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

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